

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

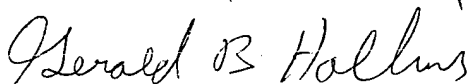
The application is subjected to a two-way restriction requirement. One group of claims in this restriction requirement, Group II, is said to include three species also requiring an election if this group were to be selected for present examination on the merits.

In response applicant has above elected the Group I claims, claims 13-20, for present examination on the merits. This group of claims does not involve the species election.

Applicant also herein adds new claims to the elected Group I apparatus claims. These new claims include four independent claims, claims 22, 31, 41 and 42, and claims dependent on claims 22, 31 and 42 in this group. These new apparatus claims are based significantly on apparatus claims originally submitted but not elected in the now allowed (exclusively with method claims) serial number 10/690,157 application also examined by Examiner Le. These new claims also incorporate minor modifications from their original form including modifications believed to avoid prior art difficulty in the manner stated in the reasons for allowance of the 10/690,157 application.

In view of the present election and this brief explanation of the actions included in this document the application is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits and allowance. Such examination and allowance at the earliest possible time are therefore respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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